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ABSTRACT RIBOZYMAL NUCLEIC ACID

A vector system which can be incorporated in liposomes, comprising at least one DNA vector, the vector or vectors containing a target-cleaving hammerhead ribozymal DNA sequence under control of a promoter effective in human cells and which, upon transcription to RNA will cleave the mRNA transcribed from a target gene encoding the CCR5 or CXCR4 protein.

Preferably the ribozymal DNA contains a first recognition sequence (5' to 3'):

tagattg or ctcact, respectively for CCR5 or CXCR4 and downstream thereof a second recognition sequence acttg or acgttgt respectively for CCR5 or CXCR4.